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Guatemala*+, Morocco*, Nigeria*, Turkey*: draft resolution

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1995/45 of 27 July 1995, in which it took note of the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its fifteenth session, 1/

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 50/163 of 22 December 1995, in which the Assembly took note of the same report,

Recognizing the important role played by the Institute at the Fourth World Conference on Women, and the role of the Institute in the follow-up to that Conference,

Also recognizing the equally important contributions that the Institute is making in its area of expertise to activities related to the International Conference on Population and Development, the World Summit for Social Development, the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations, the second United

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

\+ On behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean group of States.

1/ E/1995/80.

Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the International Year of Older Persons,

Reaffirming the original mandate and distinct capacity of the Institute to carry out research and training for the advancement of women, as stipulated in General Assembly resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its sixteenth session and the decisions contained therein; 2/

2. Commends the work of the Institute on the issues addressing the process of the economic and political empowerment of women; statistics and indicators in gender issues; women, natural resources and sustainable development: water, waste management and renewable sources of energy; and issues related to different groups, such as the elderly, displaced, refugees and migrant women;

3. Also commends the Institute for its efforts to further develop active and close cooperation with the specialized and related agencies of the United Nations system, and with other organs, programmes and institutions, so as to promote programmes that contribute to the advancement of women;

4. Reiterates the importance of maintaining the level of resources devoted to independent research and related training activities that are crucial for the empowerment of women;

5. Also reiterates the recommendation made in its resolution 1995/45 of 27 July 1995 and in General Assembly resolution 50/163 of 22 December 1995 that the Institute should also report to the Second Committee of the General Assembly under relevant agenda items in order to improve the coordination and synergy of its programmes with other economic and social issues;

6. Calls upon States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute through voluntary contributions and pledges to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, thus enabling the Institute to continue to respond effectively to its mandate.

2/ E/1996/56.